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In re Application of:

**CHESTER S. MCVAY ET AL.**

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COLLAR"**

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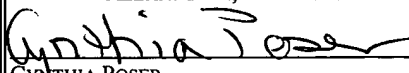
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Dear Honorable Commissioner:

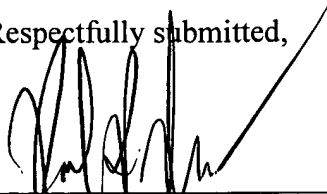
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- Amendment and Response to Non-Final Office Action, Mailed April 26, 2006; and
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Applicants believe that no fees are due in association with the filing of this response. However, should the Commissioner deem that any additional fees are due, including any fees for extensions of time, Applicants respectfully request that the Commissioner accept this as a Petition Therefor, and direct that any additional fees be debited from Baker Botts L.L.P., Deposit Account No. 02-0383, Order Number 063718.0427 for any underpayment of fees that may be due in association with this filing.

Respectfully submitted,



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